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TO DIA WASHDC

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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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DIA FOR AH-6, DEPT FOR NEA/EX, BEIRUT AND ANKARA FOR DATT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFSP SY

SUBJ: HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE FOR COL MUNDY

REF: A. DIA TEL 6941 DTG 062124Z JAN 75 (NOTAL) B. DAMASCUS

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1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AGAINST ORDERING HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE FOR COL. MUNDY FROM POST SINCE THIS WILL ONLY DELAY DELIVERY. WE RECOMMEND DIA CONTACT NEA/EX IN WASHINGTON AND PLACE ORDER IN U.S. ALL CATALOGS AND PRICE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

2. OUR MOST RECENT EXPERIENCE IN ORDERING FURNITURE FROM HERE WAS FOR THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER. THE ORDER WAS PLACED WITH DREXEL ON JUNE 28. THE SHIPMENT ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS ON NOVEMBER 9, 1974.

3. DIA WILL WANT TO PROCURE STOVE, REFRIGERATOR, FREEZER, AUTOMATIC WASHER, AND DRYER FOR COL. MUNDY AND ALSO FOR WO ADAMS IF LATTER DOES NOT HAVE THESE ITEMS IN HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS. BOTH MUNDY AND ADAMS WILL ALSO REQUIRE AIR-CONDITIONERS. APPLIANCES COULD BE PROCURED FROM PX FACILITIES IN EUROPE AND SHIPPED TO BEIRUT VIA MAC AND THEN TRUCKED TO DAMASCUS. CURRENT IN DAMASCUS IS BOTH 110 UNCLASSIFIED

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AND 220 VOLTS 50 CYCLE. MUNICIPALITY IS CURRENTLY CONVERTING

THE 110 AREAS TO 220.

4. DIA MIGHT WANT TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FURNITURE FOR COL MUNDY FROM USAID MISSION IN TURKEY WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS DISPOSING OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE SURPLUS TO ITS NEEDS.

5. POST REGRETS THAT IT HAS ABSOLUTELY NO RPT NO FURNITURE OR APPLIANCE TO PROVIDE TO COL MUNDY EVEN ON A TEMPORARY BASIS THEREFORE IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT DIA ATTEND TO THIS MATTER ON A PRIORITY BASIS. LIVING IN HOTELS IN DAMASCUS, IF ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE, IS EXTREMELY UNCOMFORTABLE AND DELAYS IN GETTING SETTLED HAS PROVEN TO BE BAD FOR MORALE AND SERIOUSLY DEMINISHES EFFECTIVENESS.

6. POST IS STILL WAITING FOR MESSAGE ON OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT MENTIONED IN REFTEL A.

7. WHAT IS PRESENT STATUS OF THE TWO VEHICLES FOR THE DATT? MURPHY

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